I should do it would
be well if you
could see Lord Willingdon
before your interview with
the Viceroy, as
you have so
much to do.
You can let
Lord Willingdon's
secretary know
when you
will be free
to see him.

I have just written to His Highness
about Lord Willingdon's offer to lay his
whole question of his Surplus Revenues
privately before His Excellency, when he goes
to see him at Simla. There is no one
else who can help us in this way & H.H.
could not possibly find a more tactful &
sympathetic "ambassador". Lord W was
very outspoken in his sympathy & simply
could not understand the attitude of His
Govt. of India. I hope His Highness will
take advantage of this unique opportunity
of getting into touch with Lord Reading.
I can do the whole "explanatory" part
of the business, if you will send me the
necessary literature. The "note" which I
have asked for can easily be prepared by
any one acquainted with the subject. Rajah
Gopalachari would do it excellently, unless
H.H. prefers to have his note drawn up
under Mr Dewan's orders & sent to him.
Mr Dewan ought to be told of Lord Willingdon's
offer perhaps you would let him know

Yours sincerely
C. P. Ramaswami Aiyar

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privately, when you see him the matter should be kept very confidential. I am not a sanguine person, where the Govt. of India are concerned and I never put much faith in the optimistic assurances which A.R.B brought back from Delhi, but I cannot help feeling that, on this occasion, I have succeeded in enlisting his sympathy & services of a "friend at Court", who knows Lord Reading & can & will talk to him with the utmost frankness on our behalf - I do hope it will end in a line to Lord Willingdon. It need be only a line - Lord W. spoke so warmly & sincerely about his wish to be a "real" friend to Her Highness. I sent you a note for Lady Lawley yesterday.

In the note to the Govt. of India Lord Willingdon should be kept entirely apart. This is not the time to ask for or expect any reduction in the Subsidy as the Govt of India are very "hard-up". We shall only weaken a good case (I mean our claim to a liberal settlement over the Surplus Revenues) if we press the matter of the Subsidy - I believe in pushing one question at a time - There is no harm however in referring to the Subsidy question in a separate note and letting Lord Willingdon know about it, without pressing it. This very broad & daylight hint. Many thanks for your last letter - H.H has been very generous